

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 354 without my signature.

This bill fails to identify oversight and regulation of the proper handling and disposal of adulterated medical devices. Current law requires pacemakers to be considered medical waste upon removal from a body, requiring proper handling and shipping to medical waste treatment facilities. Additionally, possession, shipment and transfer of adulterated medical devices are specifically prohibited by state and federal law.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger